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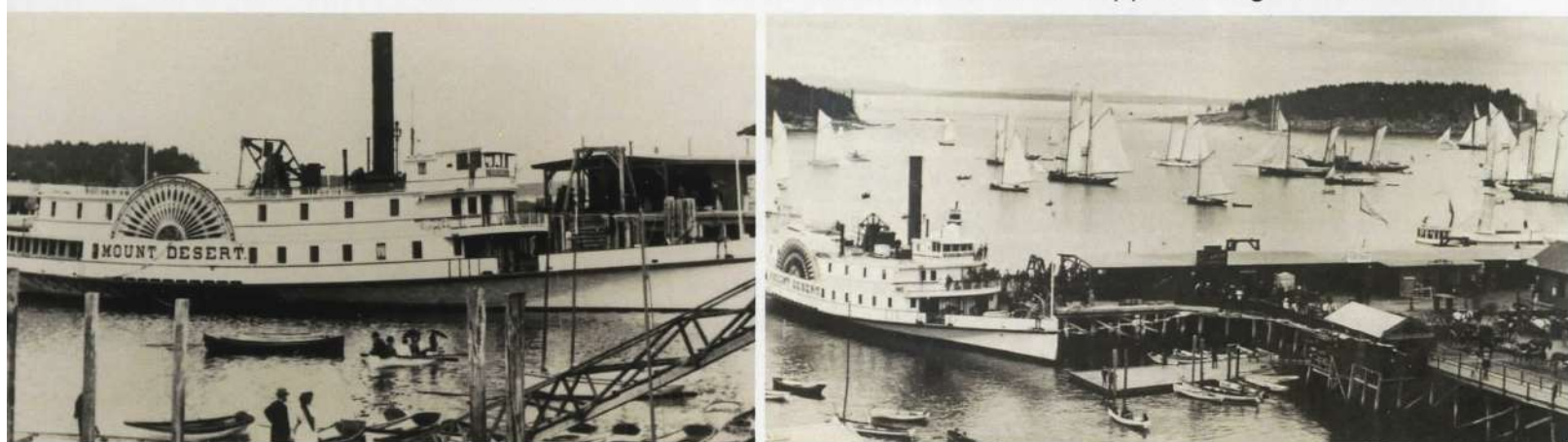
(LEFT to RIGHT) "Hood Ornament" by David Manski, "Majestic" by Galen Davis, "Seawall" by Judy Taylor

**EXHIBITS** The Mellon Room hosts art exhibits throughout the year. This year we have an exciting lineup. Acadia Senior College's annual group show went up in May, followed by the MDI Photo Club in June. In July, Jillian will bring her collage work to the library. Annette Carvajal is curating an exhibit for August. In September, we welcome David & Carl Little to exhibit work featured in their new book, Art of Penobscot Bay. October features the work of oil painter Judy Taylor, and Katie Churchill will exhibit her paintings in November. We will wrap up the year with folklore and solstice inspired work by Susannah Fisher.

**SHIPS AHOY!** Before the Trenton Bridge dedication in 1920, Mount Desert Island could only be reached by boat and the island had very few motor vehicles. Nonetheless, it was already considered a popular summer destination among the upper circles of society. Visitors arrived mainly by steamship at Bar Harbor, Seal Harbor and Northeast Harbor and were transported by horse drawn carriage across the island. The age of "steamers" spans the mid 1800s up to the mid-20th century and you will find an extensive collection of photographs in our Digital Archives at [nehlibrary.net](http://nehlibrary.net)

Check out the "Steamboats" special selection under the "Browse" menu and take an imaginary ride on the most popular ships of the time. See you on board!

(BOTTOM LEFT) Steamer "Mount Desert", c.1879-1904 (BOTTOM RIGHT) Steamer "Sappho" at right, c.1887-1890



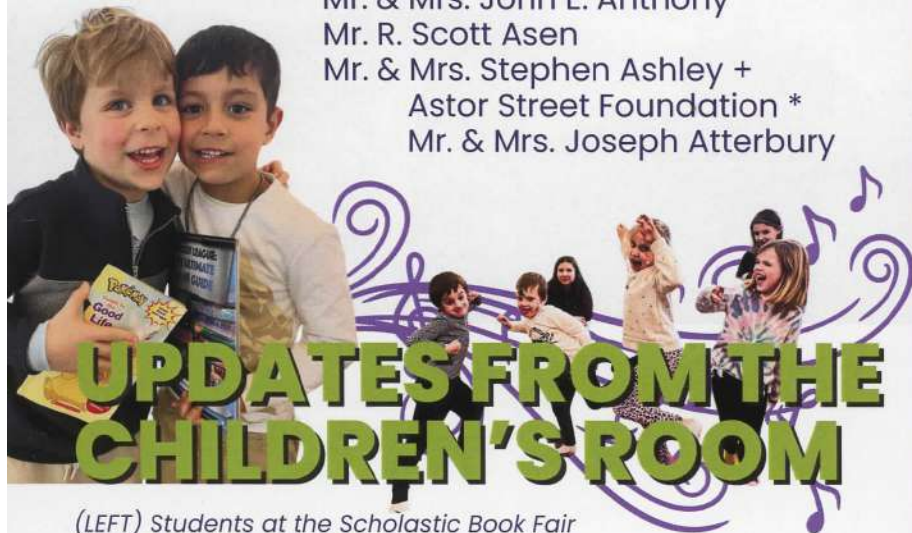


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(LEFT) Students at the Scholastic Book Fair  
(RIGHT) Dance Party in the Children's Room!

The children's room has been busy with events, crafts, playing, and a lot of reading! In February we held the Scholastic Book Fair in the Mellon Room. Thanks to generous community donations, each student at Mount Desert Elementary School and Mount Desert Nursery School were able to take home a free book from the fair. The Valentine's Tea Party was also in February, and attendees enjoyed snacks, drinks, and live musical entertainment from local students. In March we wrapped up Wizarding Wednesdays, our Harry Potter book club. Members of the club read two chapters independently each week, and then we came together to have a book discussion and do a craft or activity based on what was read. We are looking forward to a wonderful spring, and are honored to have local author and school librarian Alexandra S.D. Hinrichs do a school visit and community event in May. There are also many exciting events coming up this summer including our fourth annual Harry Potter Day, a children's performance from Latin-Grammy nominee Flor Bromley, a visit from author/illustrator team Hayley and John Rocco (in collaboration with Island Readers and Writers), and much more!

## CHILDREN'S SUMMER EVENTS

Children under 8 must have adult supervision

**Friday, June 15th, 10:30 am**  
Summer Reading Kickoff Bubble Party

**Monday, July 8th, 10 am**  
Hayley and John Rocco  
Author Read Aloud and Craft

**Monday, July 15th, 10:30 am**  
Harry Potter Day

**Monday, July 22nd, 10:30 am**  
Lobster Themed Ranger Read Aloud

**Wednesday, July 24th, 5:30 pm**  
Concert at the Marina: Fun Run Band

**Friday, July 27th, 10:30 am**  
Fairy House Building & Storytime

**Monday, July 29th, 10:30 am**  
Pachamama Musical Show with Flor Bromley

**Monday, August 5th, 1 pm**  
Tay Day - A Taylor Swift Activity Day

**Thursday, August 15th, 10:30 am**  
Mr. Drew and His Animals, Too  
Meet Rescued Wildlife and Exotics

**Friday, August 17th, 10:30 am**  
Teddy Bear Picnic

**Monday, August 19th, 10:30 am**  
Beaver Themed Ranger Read Aloud

**ALL SUMMER LONG**  
June 17th - August 23rd

### Leaf-A-Review

One review per child, per day. Read a book, write a review, add your leaf to the review tree and get a prize or treat.

### Outdoor Story Time

**Thursdays, 10:30 am.** In case of rain, story time will be indoors.

### Endangered Animal Scavenger Hunt

Find all of the animals hidden in the children's room and get a prize!

### Island Readers and Writers Library Passport Program

Find the dragon hidden at all MDI libraries and get a prize.



# Summer Events

There will be limited seating for in-person attendance; registration is recommended. Some events will have an option for online attendance. Registration and more information at [nehlibrary.org](http://nehlibrary.org)



**June 1st, 9 am**  
Sports Gear Swap



**June 5th, 5:30 pm**  
Pick-up Choir with Christina Spurling

## MDI Historical Society



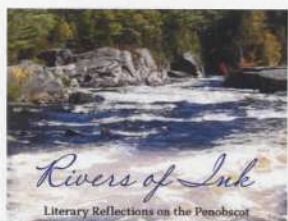
**June 12th, 5:30 pm**  
Mary Cabot Wheelwright's "Journey Towards Understanding"



**June 20th, 6:00 pm**  
Poetry Reading with Paul Weiss



**June 26th, 5 pm**  
BIG READ Writing Workshop with Kevin Wilson



**July 2nd, 5:30 pm**  
Rivers of Ink: Literary Reflections of the Penobscot



**July 3rd, 5:30 pm**  
Michael Imber "The Art of the Architect" Author Talk



**July 10th, 5:30 pm**  
Northern Light Health: Mood and Memory



**July 17th, 6 pm**  
Roxana Robinson in Conversation with Christina Baker Kline at MDI High School Auditorium



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**July 18th, 5:30 pm**  
Ruth Moore's Microcosm: Narratives that Deconstruct Inside and Outside



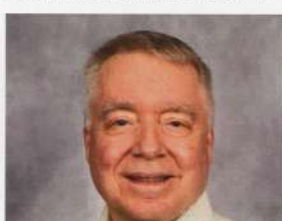
**July 23rd, 5:30 pm**  
Monica Wood, "How To Read A Book" Author Talk



**July 24th, 5:30 pm**  
Summer Highlights at the Farnsworth with Francesca Comisso



**July 31st, 5:30 pm**  
Debra Spark, "Discipline" Author Talk



**August 7, 5:30 pm**  
Human Exploration of the Deep Sea with Mike Coffin, PhD



**August 8, 5:30 pm**  
Essential Partners: The Remarkable Coevolution of Flowers and their Pollinators with Bill Cullina



**August 14, 5:30 pm**  
Building a Home To Last: Lessons from the Creative Process ... and From Life with Gil Schafer



**August 21, 5:30 pm**  
Blue Butterfield, "Maine, A Love Story" Author and Artist Talk

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**August 28, 5:30 pm**  
The Mount Desert Island Committee for Peace (1962-1966)



**September 4th, 5:30 pm**  
Carl & David Little, "Art of Penobscot Bay" Author Talk



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**September 11th, 5:30 pm**  
Plain Madeleine, Mrs. John Jacob Astor in Bar Harbor





**September 18th,  
5:30 pm**  
Tyler Schiff, *Diary  
of a Prosecutor on  
the Run*, Author  
Talk



**September 25th,  
5:30 pm**  
Northern Light  
Health: Hospice  
Care



**October 9th,  
5:30 pm**  
Donna Coleman  
Piano Concert



**October 16th,  
5:30 pm**  
Representations of  
Working People in  
the Visual Arts with  
Judy Taylor



**October 19th -  
November 23rd**  
Romantic Poets  
course with  
Richard Parker

### **Book Sale** Monday through Saturday, 10 am - 4 pm

Browse our well organized book sale in the library basement; there's something for everyone! Books, DVDs, audio books, a Children's section and a Collector's Shelf with all sorts of interesting offerings. All sales are by donation excluding rare books.

### **Book Group** (September - May)

Our monthly book group meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 5pm, in person at the library and via Zoom. Selections alternate between fiction and nonfiction. All are welcome! Contact Amy with questions at [awisehart@nehlibrary.org](mailto:awisehart@nehlibrary.org) or by calling 207 276 3333

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